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SUBJECT: DOMINICAN QUESTION AND OAS GA

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1. REFTTEL DESCRIBES IN SOME DETAIL THE CONTINUED STATE OF
UNCERTAINTY AND TENSION IN TY DOMINICAN REPUBLIC RESULTING FROM
THE FAILURE OF THE CENTRAL ELECTORAL BOARD (JCE) TO OFFICIALLY
DECLARE THEWINNER OF THE MAY 16 ELECTIONS. WE HAVE CONTINUED
TO CAST AROUND FOR MEANS OF EXERTING US INFLUENCE AND HAVE
CONTINUED TO MAKE THE US POSITION CLEAR. THIS POSITION IS WELL
UNDERSTOOD HERE BUT IT REQUIRES REITERATING AT EVERY APPROPRIATE
OCCASION. THE STATEMENT BY THE SIX PRESIDENTS IN PANAMA WAS A
FELICITOUS EXAMPLE

2. WE ASSUME THAT FULL CONSIDERATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO HOW
DISCUSSIONS SURROUNDING THE OAS GA COULD BE USED FOR THIS
PURPOSE. WHATEVER THE POSSIBILITIES MAY BE OF A FORMAL PUBLIC
STATEMENT EMANATING FROM THE SESSION--AND THEY ARE NOT DOUBT
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LIMITED--IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF DOMINICAN SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS EMILIO JIMENEZ WERE TO LEAVE WASHINGTON WITHOUT
AT LEAST BEING EXPOSERFTO A PRIVATE PERSONAL REPETITION OF THE
US POSITION ALONG THE LINES OF THAT USED WITH SENATOR PICHARDO
(STATE 140319). SUCH EFFORTS SHOULD BE COORDINATED WITH OTHER
OF HIS COLLEAGUES AT THE VIII SESSION WHO ARE WILLING TO MAKE
SIMILAR VIEWS KNOWN. WHILE THIS MAY BE TO SOME DEGREE PREACHING

TO THE CONVERTED, JIMINEZ CAN BE COUNTED ON TO REPORT SUCH APPROACHES TO PRESIDENT BALAGUER AND WILL NO DOUBT HIMSELF BE INFLUENCED BY THEM IN THE DOMING PERIOD.

3. THE IDEAL WOULD BE FOR THE US POSITION TO BE PUT TO JIMENEZ BY THE SECRETARY. IF NOT, IT SHOULD BE DONE BY THE HIGHEST-RANKING OFFICIAL POSSIBLE, HOPEFULLY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OR THE DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS. THE MORE PRESSURE WE CAN KEEP ON AT THIS TIME, THE GREATER CHANCE THERE WILL BE OF BRINGING THE PRESENT SITUAION TO A PROMPT AND ACCEPTABLE CLOSE.

4. THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT ALSO CONSIDER A PRESS RELEASE IN CONNECTION WITH THE JIMENEZ BILATERAL, NOTING THE CONVERSATION AND REFERRING TO OUR CONTINUED INTEREST IN THE PROGRESS OF DOMINICAN DEMOCRACY USING LANGUAGE BASED ON THE PRESIDENTS' PANAMA STATEMENT.

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